

### 3. Articles about Writing Tools for Writers vs. Articles about Writers Who Are Tools

A “Collected Works” that’s really whatever is left in the bathroom sink after giving yourself a really questionable haircut.

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*Sext: I’ll blurb yr book so hard you’ll forget that book blurbs are just ego-stroking bs publishers perpetuate & that nothing really matters*

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Poetry reading where only box wine and Lunchables are served as refreshments.

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So you sold your first novel for a dog-eared copy of the *Playboy* with late WWE Superstar Chyna on the cover, so what?

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Writers’ residency where you stay on your buddy’s couch after being evicted and then observe his/her horrified

reactions to seeing how a writer actually exists in this world.

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An energy drink called LIT that has real intense literature on the cans as opposed to the non-intense literature on Chipotle to-go bags/soft drink cups, or maybe just real intense pictures of the '90s rock band Lit.

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Q: Do you have a time of day when you're feeling most creative?

A: Not really. Finding the time of day when I'm not feeling lazy is what I'm most concerned about, and I really don't think this time of day actually exists. Oh well.

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Poetry reading where you read poems using a Virgin Mobile flip phone purchased at a Dollar General before Obama was president AKA your actual phone.

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Reminder: Pictures of Carson McCullers when she's drunk should be one of your main literary influences.

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Might be cooler if the literary community was split into two distinct groups: "Greasers" and "Socs."

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Who needs physical/emotional human love when you have a wildly insignificant writing career to comfort you?  
\*hyperventilates into Wendy's to-go bag\*

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The Poet Laureate of getting jumped outside of a Waffle House at 4 AM.

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General response while browsing another “Most Exciting Books of [insert year]” list: Meh.

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“What books ya’ll reading? JK haha don’t care!”

★ ★ ★

Author photo where the author looks deathly afraid of impending irrelevancy.

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“Secret warm-up gig” before poetry reading that’s just you crying/screaming in the backseat of a car while punching yourself in face.

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Picture a dramatic, heart-tugging Bruce Springsteen-style song but instead of it being about workers laid off from industrial factories closing, it’ll be about all your precious stories/poems that were accepted but never published

because the literary journals they were supposed to be in ended up folding prematurely.

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*Submission guidelines: We accept poetry haha JK*

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Making a book trailer? Can't emphasize enough the importance of having lots of footage of Chuck Norris roundhouse-kicking cokeheads in the face.

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Poet in residence @ what used to be a Spec's Music location.

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Fantasy that your books are being taught in schools that aesthetically resemble the school from *Saved by the Bell*.

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"I Live in A Car" by the UK Subs > your poetry, most likely

★ ★ ★

LiveJournal probably doesn't get enough credit for its development of terrible writers.

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A good method to stay motivated while working on your novel is to keep telling yourself, "Well, at least it's better

than that shitty zine I did 10 years ago.”

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What’s the deal with literary journals that have a “mission statement”? Like, do the editors put on camo and then arm themselves with shitty poems before heading to some foreign country to save POWs? [Cue *Seinfeld* theme music.]

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“Look, we’ll consider publishing your book if you don’t mind adding ‘666’ to the title, k?”

★ ★ ★

A “Collected Works” comprised of whatever is found under your couch cushions when you try desperately retrieving that M&M you dropped.

★ ★ ★

Tonight, during *WWE Monday Night Raw*, let’s all officially announce our retirement from indie publishing.

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*Twilight Zone* episode where a writer has a nagging suspicion that their writing is as awful as everyone else’s writing.

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The Best Boring Writer Asking another Boring Writer Questions about Boring Writing of [insert year]

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Practice your eye rolls by following writers on social media.

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Trigger warning: contains the phrase “For all intents and purposes...”

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The Wayans Brothers Karamazov #90sABook

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“If your script doesn’t have at least two cafeteria food fight scenes then sorry, not interested.”

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Reminder: There is a special hell for writers who use #amwriting and that hell is called Twitter.

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Nobel Prize in Literature for owning Internet trolls on message boards.

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#TFW your book has so many trigger warnings that you have to unfollow it on Tumblr.

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Dream where Andy Kaufman narrates your audio book, only he sounds like WWE Superstar Triple H.

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Literary journal called *Dear Loser*, where everyone accepted (or rejected) is a loser.

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“The fact that there is a tournament for books is a pretty pathetic affair,” and that’s probably coming from an adult who still watches professional wrestling.

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#amcopyingandpastingtweetsintoamanuscript

VS.

#amwriting

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The Poet Laureate of gluing thrift store shoes back together.

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HOT LIT TIP: This Christmas, put your Kindle to good use by snorting drugs off of it.

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ATTN snobby academic writers: there’s nothing wrong with making books out of glue, tape, staples and scissors and then selling them from out of the trunk of your car. (If you have a car.)